

THE TOWNS AROUND.

BARNET.
The Ladies' Aid of Barnet Center will hold an oyster supper at Wilbur Nelson's on Friday evening, Dec. 30. All are invited to attend.

T. P. Robie is still at St. Johnsbury as juror and A. L. Guthrie is taking his place in the store.

Winslow Farman delivered a lecture in the church Monday evening on Lord Nelson and Tuesday on Phil Sheridan. The lectures were much enjoyed by small audiences.

Miss Jennie Cade's brother and sister were visiting her last week.

Mrs. Hannah Berry has gone to Wm. Harvey's.

Mrs. Jennie Brock was visiting at St. Johnsbury last week.

Miss Mabel Perkins and Miss Nellie Harris expect to sing at the fair at Monroe tonight.

E. A. Morgan expects to sing at the concert at Passumpsic tomorrow evening.

Miss Mary Miller of Greensboro has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. DeShan. Mrs. DeShan's son, Charles, is stopping with her for a few days.

Mrs. Henry Hall of Lower Cabot is stopping with Miss Robina Laughlin this week.

There are only a few days left in which to get what you want for Christmas at Laughlin's.

EAST BARNET.

Miss Nellie Hadley of Boston, spent Sunday in this place.

Bert Norris and Mary Potts of St. Johnsbury made a flying visit in town last week.

There are a good many cases of chicken pox in town.

Sam Somers and Mrs. G. C. Somers are on the gain.

WEST BARNET.

Plans are on foot for a Christmas tree Friday evening, December 23.

Blender Morrill and Elsie Gray were married at the parsonage last Wednesday afternoon.

John Allen was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Ray have returned from Buffalo where they have been for several weeks.

Gertie Farrow is visiting in St. Johnsbury for a few days.

Mabel Dow spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. Henry Hall is visiting friends in the village.

Word came Monday morning that Charles Abbott, son of Mrs. Amos Abbott, was killed in some accident. The particulars are not known as yet.

William Fitzgerald started out with his sawing machine Tuesday morning.

F. G. Strobbridge and H. B. Somers went to Ryegate Friday to load and haul to Barnet a huge stone for A. S. Laughlin. Mr. Laughlin has had this stone, upon which he used to play as a child, placed on his lot in the Barnet cemetery. It weighs about three tons.

EAST BURKE.

Horace Drown has moved into the Baptist parsonage and Mr. Stearns has moved into the house vacated by Mr. Drown at the mill.

Webster & Frasier have dissolved partnership. Webster buying out Frasier. Mrs. Webster will help in the store for the present.

There will be a union service and a tree at the Methodist church Monday night, December 26, to which all are cordially invited.

Dr. Root has put up a street lamp by his house and put in a telephone to his office.

Henry Matthews has sold his place to A. W. Wilson and bought James Eggleston's farm where he will move this week.

TRY GRAIN-O!

Ask your grocer today to show you a package of Grain-O! the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. Grain-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/4 the price of coffee. 15c. and 25c. per package. Sold by all grocers.

GASKILL.

A Christmas tree with exercises will be held at the schoolhouse on Monday evening Dec. 26.

An oyster supper for the benefit of the pastor, Rev. J. E. Knapp, will be held at V. B. Blodgett's, next week Thursday evening Dec. 29.

LUNENBURG.

The Woman's Club met with Miss White Tuesday of last week. Only a few were present. The subject for the afternoon was "Gladstone," and a sketch of his life was read by Miss White; "Other Noted Statesmen," by Mrs. Susan Thomas; current events. The next meeting will be held Dec. 27, with Miss Lottie and Miss Emma Barnard.

The season tickets for the lecture course are on sale at the post office and are selling quite fast. The first lecture will be on Thursday evening of this week by Rev. Mr. Fiske of Lyndonville.

Russell Fiske and friend of Whitefield visited here last Sunday.

Miss Eva Davison expects to spend Christmas with her brother and his family in Barnet.

Rev. E. F. Blackmer with his class in singing is rehearsing a cantata to be given at the close of the term of singing school.

George Temple went to St. Johnsbury on business last week.

The snow roller made its first appearance last week.

Mrs. Saphronia McLaughlin of Groveton visited her parents, Alonzo Parker and wife, a short time ago.

A CARD.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a fifty cent bottle of Greene's syrup of tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold; we also warrant a twenty-five cent bottle to prove satisfactory or no pay.

A. C. RANDALL, C. C. BINGHAM,
FRANK G. LANDRY, FLINT BROS.,
BOYNTON & EASTMAN, A. F. WALKER,
D. C. PARKINGTON, West Danville,
L. D. STILES, St. Johnsbury Center,
J. B. ROGERS, Walden,
O. B. CUTTING, West Concord.

DANVILLE.

Sam McKenzie of Hardwick visited his parents last week.

Both the Methodist and Congregational societies will hold their Christmas exercises on Saturday evening of this week. The Methodists will hold theirs in their church and the Congregationalists will hold theirs in the town hall. Interesting exercises are being planned for at both places and they will each have a Christmas tree. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Albert Heath is lumbering at Lunenburg.

A. B. Hoyt is doing a rushing business these days and William Allen of St. Johnsbury is assisting him temporarily.

S. C. Currier read at Marshfield on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. James Borland is visiting her son, E. Urie, at North Tethford.

J. E. Tinker is showing a line of new goods this week called the "wove crest ware." Call and see it. His 25 cent counter has proved a great attraction.

NORTH DANVILLE.

A. M. McFarland is ill.

Editor B. U. Wells of the Lyndonville Journal spent a few days in the place last of the week.

Christmas will be observed at the Free Baptist church Saturday evening by a tree and appropriate exercises by the young people.

The January session of the Wheelock quarterly meeting will be held with the Free Baptist church of this place, beginning the Friday before the last Sunday in the month.

The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Emerson who has been quite ill for the past two weeks is no longer.

A Good Templar's lodge was instituted here Thursday evening, Dec. 15. The following officers were elected: C. T. F. Hubbard; V. T. Mrs. D. W. Hubbard; P. C. T. Mrs. D. W. Hubbard; R. S. Mrs. R. Hubbard; Asst. R. S. Mrs. R. Hubbard; Fin. Sec. Miss Lettie Gadapack; Treas. A. C. Sanborn; M. Ed. Suiter; D. M. Miss Ethel Blodgett; Guard J. P. Bryer; Sentinel R. R. Hubbard; S. J. T. Mrs. W. H. Church; first trustee, D. W. Hubbard; second trustee, Mrs. F. J. Hubbard; third trustee, Addie Sanborn.

Fine sleighing and the teamsters are improving it hauling wood and lumber.

WEST DANVILLE.

F. D. Waldo, wife and children have gone to live with Mrs. Waldo's father at Windsor Mills, P. Q.

Ben Darling, Jr., spent the last of the week and Sunday visiting in the village.

E. H. B. Stone is drawing logs to L. T. Farrow's saw mill, to complete his lumber bill for his barn that he intends to build in the spring.

Mrs. George Merrill spent a week with her daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Hill, at Fairbanks village, returning last week.

George W. Shepherd in loading logs Saturday, by the slipping of the cant hook, fractured his rib.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup

is still in the lead. The people seem to like this old reliable cough medicine, and we don't blame them; it is the best remedy for a deep-seated cough or cold, and will effect a cure in one day.

HARVEY.

M. E. Moore is at work in the saw-mill for O. M. Jennison in Peacham.

Ora Bolton is drawing logs for Harvey McDonald from his lot near Keyser's pond to M. E. Moore's mill.

The Methodist society held a very pleasant social at Mrs. Ida Bartlett's last Thursday p. m.

Berton R. Frye, who has been visiting friends in Bethlehem, N. H., for the past few days, has returned home.

It Will Surprise You—Try It.

It is the medicine above all other for catarrh and is worth its weight in gold. Ely's Cream Balm does all that is claimed for it—B. W. Sperry, Hartford, Conn.

My son was afflicted with catarrh. He used Ely's Cream Balm and the disagreeable catarrh all left him—J. C. Olmstead, Arcola, Ill.

A 10c. trial size or the 50c. size of Ely's Cream Balm will be mailed. Kept by druggists. Ely Brothers, 55 Warren St., N. Y.

GREENSBORO.

William K. Eastman of Hooksett, N. H., spent a few days in town last week.

J. A. Crane and wife were summoned to Glover last Saturday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Nathan Whitelaw, who was thought to be very dangerously ill with pneumonia last week, is much better. Mr. Whitelaw is nearly 96 years old.

Several of our people attended the Orleans County Sunday School meeting at North Cratsbury Saturday. Among the number were Rev. C. L. Guild and wife, Rev. J. W. Harris and wife, H. W. Gillis and wife and Frank Smith and wife.

Perrin Bros. have just completed another snow roller for Greensboro and it started on its mission for good Saturday.

G. W. Lumsden is improving slowly.

Christmas will be observed with a tree and appropriate exercises at the Congregational church Saturday evening, the 24th.

Mr. Anderson from Dorchester, Mass., who recently bought the Joseph Thornton place, paying an exorbitant price for it, concluded after a short time that he did not wish to be a farmer and sold the entire outfit to Thomas Gallagher, who will dispose of the stock, farming tools, hay, etc., at auction Thursday. Mr. Anderson and family have returned to Dorchester.

Mrs. Della Hartson is clerking for Mary Daniels through the holidays.

The Coming Woman

Who goes to the club while her husband tends the baby, as well as the good old-fashioned woman who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headache, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from Lame Back and Weak Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Female complaints and Nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric Bitters. Delicate women should keep this remedy on hand to build up the system. Only 50 cents per bottle. For sale by Flint Bros.

PEACHAM.

Will Trussell has gone to Marshfield to work for William Bartlett.

Burns Abbott spent a few days in Rutland last week.

Harry Howard has moved into the tenement over Hutchinson's store at South Peacham.

J. C. Gracy is getting out lumber for a new barn at the Pierson place.

Rev. Edgar G. Banks, who was to lecture at the church parlors two weeks ago, will speak at same place next Friday evening without fail. This lecture will without doubt be very interesting as he has spent much time among the ruins of Nineveh and Babylon.

The lectures by Mr. Farman, the blind speaker, last Saturday and Sunday evenings were very fine and much enjoyed by all who attended.

Mrs. James Esden, who has been in poor health for a long time, has gone to the hospital at Burlington.

Christmas will be observed by the Congregational Sunday school at Academy hall Saturday evening. Exercises will consist of singing and speaking by the children and appropriate music by the choir, after which the Christmas trees will claim the attention.

There will be a Christmas concert at the Congregational church next Sunday evening in connection with the regular prayer meeting.

Christmas tree and appropriate exercises at the Methodist church next Monday evening.

R. B. Abbott received a dispatch Monday morning announcing that his brother, Charles Abbott, was killed in Montana on Sunday. The remains will arrive at Barnet on Friday and another brother, E. S. Abbott, is coming East with them. No particulars have been received as to Mr. Abbott's death.

What do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called Grain-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about 1/4 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c. and 25c.

GLOVER.

The personal property of the late W. H. Martin was sold at auction Saturday.

F. C. Clark has been chosen chairman and C. P. Bean manager of the Glover creamery. The other directors are H. J. Drown, W. N. Aldrich and H. H. Cook.

Henry Cook and Amos Bean are doing large lumber jobs.

Beryl Hastings of Newbury is at Simon Smith's.

Christmas will be observed by union exercises at the Congregational church.

Dr. W. F. Templeton of Manchester was in town last week.

F. H. Percival has taken H. S. Clark's place gathering cream for the cooperative creamery.

The new creamery at West Glover is up and covered.

Considerable disturbance was caused by the running away of a horse belonging to E. L. Clark, at the village on Sunday.

The fair of the Ladies' Aid Society held Thursday night was very successful.

SOUTH RYEGATE.

A Christmas tree with literary and musical exercises will be held at the Presbyterian church on Monday evening.

A class for the study of Pitman's shorthand has been organized and meets every Thursday evening in the Presbyterian church vestry.

Rev. John J. Hall went to Portland, Me., Saturday morning. He preached in the Presbyterian church there Sunday.

Rev. E. S. Fiske of Montpelier preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday.

The Reformed Presbyterian church will hold a donation party for the benefit of the pastor in the depot hall on Thursday evening.

Rev. John J. Hall returned from New York city last Wednesday.

The Reformed Presbyterian Mission Band held a social in the church vestry Thursday evening.

A large number from here attended the housewarming given to Dr. and Mrs. John Thomas at Wells River, Thursday evening.

To Skeptical Asthmatics.

The truly marvelous cures of Asthma which have already been effected by Dr. Rudolph Schiffmann, certainly call for notice. His preparation (Schiffmann's Asthma Cure), not only gives instant relief in the most stubborn and obstinate cases, but positively cures, in proof of which bear what the Town Clerk at Cavalier, N. D., Mr. W. Serres, says: "I was troubled with asthma for 20 years, about 8 years ago I started to use your Asthma Cure, and have not had an attack for six years."

WALDEN.

Presiding Elder Sherburne preached to a large and attentive audience Sunday evening, and Monday forenoon met with the third quarterly conference at the parsonage.

The social at D. S. Cox's last Thursday evening was a very pleasant affair and well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Perkins have gone to Lowell, Mass., visiting friends.

There will be a Christmas tree with appropriate exercises at the church on Saturday evening, and at South Walden Monday evening.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When the tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

J. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

PASSUMPSIC.

A lecture course has been arranged for the people of this village which cannot fail to interest all. The lectures will be given in the Baptist church and a series of eight entertainments has been planned.

Besides a home talent concert, Rev. Dr. A. H. Heath will speak on lessons from Lincoln's life, Prof. D. Y. Comstock gives an illustrated lecture on Pompeii and Vesuvius, Alexander Dunnet will give an entertaining lecture, Wendell P. Stafford speaks on Whittier, Mrs. Walter P. Smith on the land of Walter Scott and L. B. Harris of Lyndonville, department commander of the G. A. R. of Vermont, lectures on Early Vermont history. Course tickets will be sold for one dollar and single night tickets for 25 cents.

The first lecture in the course will be given on Thursday, Dec. 29, by W. P. Stafford. The concert company will include Frank O. French, humorist, Miss Elsie Ranney, reader, and home talent.

Remember the Christmas sale Wednesday and Thursday. Concert Thursday evening. Everybody come.

Mr. Jay has moved into Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence's upper tenement.

Mrs. F. C. M. McGill is in very poor health and her friends are very anxious to see her. All will unite in wishing for her a speedy recovery.

Rev. E. D. Mason returns to this place this week. He has been in New York for several weeks.

Rev. C. D. R. Meacham will begin his labors with the Baptist church here Jan. 1st. He will not move his family here until February.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup

is a great medicine of intrinsic worth. It removes a cough or cold quickly and cures severe throat and lung affections in an astonishingly short time. Sold by all druggists for only 25 cents.

A Convincing Argument.

A correspondent sends us the following story from Mississippi: Counsel for the defense was addressing a country J. P. of the "old school." Said he: "I realize that I stand in the presence of a descendant of the grand old Huguenot family that emigrated from France to escape from religious intolerance. Many able jurists have sprung from that family and embellished the bench and bar of the Union. Their watchwords are honor, truth and justice, and their names are spoken in every home. The law is so plain in this case that 'he who runs may read.' Shall I insult the intelligence of this court by reiterating a proposition so simple? Need I say more?" "No," interrupted the judge, "I ain't necessary. I'll give you a judgment." Counsel at once while the judge, with emphasis, knocked the ashes from his pipe, and counsel for plaintiff began: "May it please the court?" "Squire, what are you fixin' to do?" asked the judge. "I have the closing argument," was the reply. "Well, you jest as well as down. I done got my mind set on the other side. Judgment for defendant."—Law Notes.

Value of Cheese Food.

Cheese is a very rich and valuable food, likely to form a very large constituent in the future and, especially for the workingman, to be very extensively used. There is a difference in stomachs in their ability to digest this article.

The writer is able to make an entire meal of cheese, with very little bread, and digest it more easily than rice or oatmeal, in some stomachs it is less digestible, in some it is not so. Each person must learn for himself. It is a convenient form of animal food and, when good, particularly agreeable.

There is a great difference in the composition of cheese in its water, fat and nitrogenous matter. In general, however, it may be remarked that every variety contains a large amount of nitrogenous matter, and it is for this that it is especially useful as a food.

Skim milk cheese is especially rich in this constituent, but less rich in fat. Those who abstain from flesh food will find in cheese abundance of nitrogenous matter to take the place of that found in flesh.—London Family Doctor.

Othello White-washed.

Othello is the latest historic discrepancy to have a good character established. Italian papers claim certain manuscripts concerning the Moor have been found in the archives of a convent in Venice. They are notes taken in 1642 by a Cretan diplomat sent on a mission to the Republic of Venice.

The writer knew Othello well and vouches for the fact that the lady was never killed at all. In fact, she survived Othello, died a natural death and gave the coroner no trouble at all. So that there never was a tragedy of the moor of Venice.

Peffer's Potatoes.

Senator Peffer is fond of telling how he once duped the managers of a Kansas county fair. "On examination of the sweet potatoes exhibited," he says, "I saw that the size of the specimens was nothing to brag of, and I sent out to a grocery store and purchased a bushel of fine ones; took the small ones out for home use, carried the rest to the fair grounds, entered them in my own name and drew the premium for the best specimen of sweet potatoes grown in Wilson county."

The Lady of the House.

"The lady of the house," once esteemed a highly polite and conciliatory form of address, is now, said a city dweller, "ancient and obsolete with those who pursue business by modern methods. In advance practice the customer is now the lady of the house."

Sandy and the Mare.

A Scottish paper tells a story of Sandy Mo—, a Forfarshire farmer who had been spending an hour or two in the evening with a friend a couple of miles away. It was a moonlight night, and Sandy, after partaking freely of his friend's hospitality, was riding quietly home across the sheep pastures on his "guid auld mare," when they came to an open ditch, which his mare refused to cross.

"Hoot awa, Maggie," said the rider, "this winae dae. Ye maun jist gang ower."

He turned back about a hundred yards, wheeled round and gave the mare a touch of his whip. On she went at a brisk canter, but as they reached the edge of the ditch she stopped dead and shot Sandy clean over to the other side.

Gathering himself up, Sandy looked his mare straight in the face and said:

"Vera weel pitched indeed, ma lass. Bit hoo are ye goin to get ower yersel, eh?"

The Mystery of the Razor.

It is a matter of common experience that a razor left for awhile unused becomes blunt. A writer in Chambers' Journal says that rust caused by the moisture in the atmosphere is quite enough to account for this. Shearers, for instance, who have to use particularly sharp instruments, never set their shears till just before using. What is not so generally known is that a razor which will not cut will become sharper sometimes by being left aside for some time. The only explanation of this is that the electrical properties of the metal in the edge become changed.

A "wire edge" is commonly put on a tool by amateurs. The steel turns and folds back on itself. It is owing to the edge being made too long and thin, or the metal being too soft. The only cure for a wire edge is to break off the bent portion and grind and set again.

"A knife that cuts better when it is

Honors Easy.

"Who carried off the honors at the walk, Rastus?"

"Mr. Sam Johnsoning, sah, but de Lawd only knows who carried off de cake."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Among the natives of Mexico there are, according to Lumbholtz, about 150,000 survivors of the Aztec race.

Shoe Workers' Claims.

Marlboro, Mass., Dec. 19.—The joint council of the Boot and Shoe Workers' union issued a statement yesterday, in which it is claimed that, in pursuance of the suggestion made at the recent clergyman's meeting, a committee of employees of the shoe manufacturers waited upon the different firms with a view of adjusting the labor difficulties, but that the manufacturers declared that they stood by their original notice. The union states that, in spite of every effort, the manufacturers have declined to talk with either the agents of the union or a committee of their employees representing the union; have refused to submit a list of prices and finally have declined to discuss the question. The union claims that it has done everything possible to adjust matters.

Career of Crime Begun Early.

Boston, Dec. 19.—The Dorchester police have succeeded in capturing two boys, Alphonse McLaughlin and Herman Frigerio, who, they believe, have systematically robbed many houses in that suburb of the city of property valued at over \$5000. The police also took into custody Samuel Bantick, a considerably older man, who, it is claimed, received the stolen property and pawned it in various shops in this city and New York. Both of the boys are scarcely over 15, and, according to their own admission, have been employed in this unlawful work for six months.

Female Hermit's End.

Westerly, R. I., Dec. 17.—The hermit life of Esther Myers, an eccentric character, came to a tragic end last evening, when her solitary home was consumed by fire, and she perished in the flames. The building was isolated so that the fire department could render no aid. The woman's body, burned to a crisp, was found near the entrance. She was 70 years of age, and had lived alone in a big farmhouse for 20 years past. She owned large lots of land in the center of the town, which she refused to sell, thus retarding the growth of the place.